

What is claimed is:

1. A method for diagnosing the presence or stage of cancer comprising detecting the level of a truncated CCAAT-displacement protein/Cut homeobox isoform in a sample
5 wherein increased levels of a truncated CCAAT-displacement protein/Cut homeobox isoform is indicative of the presence or stage of cancer.
2. The method of claim 1 wherein the truncated CCAAT-displacement protein/Cut homeobox isoform comprises a
10 proteolytically processed isoform of p200.
3. The method of claim 2 wherein the proteolytically processed isoform of p200 comprises p100 or p110.
4. The method of claim 1 wherein the truncated isoform of CCAAT-displacement protein/Cut homeobox
15 comprises p75 or the RNA transcript encoding p75 polypeptide.
5. The method of claim 1 wherein detecting the level of a truncated CCAAT-displacement protein/Cut homeobox isoform comprises contacting a sample with an antibody
20 which specifically recognizes a truncated CCAAT-displacement protein/Cut homeobox isoform so that said antibody binds to the truncated CCAAT-displacement protein/Cut homeobox isoform; detecting bound antibody; and comparing levels of the truncated CCAAT-displacement
25 protein/Cut homeobox isoform to a known standard.
6. An antibody which specifically recognizes a proteolytically processed isoform of CCAAT-displacement protein/Cut homeobox p200.

7. The antibody of claim 6 wherein the proteolytically processed isoform of CCAAT-displacement protein/Cut homeobox p200 comprises p100 or p110.

8. An antibody which specifically recognizes the p75
5 isoform of CCAAT-displacement protein/Cut homeobox.

9. The method of claim 1 wherein detecting the level of a CCAAT-displacement protein/Cut homeobox isoform comprises evaluating the level of RNA transcript encoding a p75 polypeptide and comparing p75 RNA transcript levels in
10 a sample with a known standard.

10. A kit for detecting the presence of a CCAAT-displacement protein/Cut homeobox isoform comprising an antibody which specifically recognizes a CCAAT-displacement protein/Cut homeobox isoform.